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1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN FOR KEEPING DOWN EXPENSES OF VISIT OF SECRETARY SIMON, AN OBJECTIVE WHICH WE ALL SHARE. I KNOW YOU ALSO SHARE OUR GOAL OF ENSURING A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT. I ASSUME YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE VISIT IS BASED IN JERUSALEM. RATHER THAN IN TEL AVIV AT THE REQUEST OF SECRETARY SIMON. WE WILL INDEED BE DRAWING UPON THE LIMITED RESOURCES OF OUR CONSULATE GENERAL IN JERUSALEM. FOR EXAMPLE, WE EXPECT THAT THE OFFICER AND SECRETARY ON STANDBY FOR THE SECRETARIAT WILL COME FROM THE CONSULATE GENERAL. ALSO THE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL WILL BE USED FOR SUPPORT OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. IN THESE AND OTHER WAYS, THE CONSULATE GENERAL WILL BE CONTRIBUTING. IT IS HOWEVER, IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT THE CONSULATE GENERAL IS NOT RPT NOT ACCREDITED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. THE SAME IMPORTANT POLICY REASONS WHICH HAVE DICTATED THE UNIQUE STATUS OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL ALSO

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PRECLUDE THIS OFFICE FROM HAVING THE KINDS OF OFFICIAL CONTACTS

WITH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ARRANGING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. I AM SURE THAT MR. DRAPER WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU FURTHER BACKGROUND ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD YOU SO DESIRE.

2. WE ARE NOT RPT NOT USING THE PREVIOUS VISITS BY THE PRESIDNET AND SECRETARY KISSINGER AS A MODEL FOR SUPPORT REQUIRED FOR THE VISIT OF SECRETARY SIMON. I ASSUME THIS MISUNDERSTANDING IS BASE ON THE WORDING OF PARA 2 OF REF (B). WE HAVE , OF COURSE, DRAWN ON OUR EXTENSIVE RECENT EXPERIENCE IN SUCCESSFULLY SUPPORTING VISITS OF VERY IMPORANT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS IN PLANNING THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR THE VISIT OF SECRETARY SIMON AND HAVE BEEN GUIDED ALSO BY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS IN REF (A). IN THIS RESPECT, YOU WILL NOTE THAT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WE ARE TOLD TO PROVIDE NINE RPT NINE SEDANS. NOT INCLUDED IN REF (A) ARE THE NEW COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS WHICH HAVE JUST BEEN LEVIED ON US BY THE SECRET SERVICE ADVANCE PARTY. WE ARE, OF COURSE, GOING TO DO OUR BEST ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS TO MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE HOTEL, BUT THIS IS ALSO GOING TO COST MONEY.

3. WE WERE ALREADY IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING COST ESTIMATES IN REF (B) (WHICH WERE NOT FIRM, BUT ONLY PROJECTIONS) IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS OF PAST FEW DAYS. BASED ON THIS REVIEW , WE HAVE ELIMINATED\$3,430 ESTIMATE FOR HIRE OF BUS AND VEHICLES AND \$1,810 RE XEROX RENTAL AND SERVICING. (WE WILL BRING AN A.B. DICK COPYING MACHINE FROM THE EMBASSY AND HOPE THAT IT SUFFICES.) WE ARE ALSO ASSUMING THAT MOST OF OUR ISRAELI DRIVERS WILL NOT BE CALLED UPON FOR OVERTIME IN JERUSALEM. THROUGH CUTBACKS IN AMERICAN CLERICAL STAFF ASSIGNED TO THE VISIT AND PUTTING COMMUNICATIONS ON NORMAL BASIS (I..E., NOT RPT NOT 24 HOURS), WE EXPECT TO CUT BACK ON OVERTIME FOR THE ELIGIBLE AMERICAN STAFF. WE ALSO WLL LIMIT THE HOURS THAT THE VISITORS CONTROL ROOM IS OPEN SINCE THIS WILL ALSO REDUCE OVERTIME COSTS. SOME OF THESE CHANGES WILL, OF COURSE, MEAN THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE PARTY, INCLUDING THE PRESS, ARE LIKELY TO BE LESS THAN HAPPY DUE TO SERVICES THAT MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE WHEN THEY WANT THEM.

4. WE ARE ALSO AS USUAL, SUGGESTING TO THE ISRAELIS THAT THEY PICK UP COSTS WHEREEVER APPROPRIATE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ISRAELI LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE A NUMBER OF VEHICLES MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ELIMINATE FROM OUR COSTS ESTIMATE THE HIRE OF BUS AND VEHICLE ITEMS. WE ALSO EXPECT ISRAELIS TO PICK UP BIG PART OF HOTEL BILL FOR ROOMS FOR TRAVELLING PARTY.

5. I BELIEVE WE HAVE CUT AS MUCH AS WE CAN WITHOUT RISKING ADVERSE EFFECTS ON SECRETARY'S VISIT. BILL MCLEAN (ADMIN CONUSELOR) WILL, OF COURSE, BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS OTHER COSTS

WITH YOU ON ARRIVAL. ROOM AND VEHICLE ASSIGNMENTS ARE
BEING SENT BY SEPARATE CABLE.
VELIOTES

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